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ELECTION

In response to the Official Action dated May 31, 2006 (Non-Responsive Letter), Applicants hereby elect the species of the invention defined by Claim 57 in the Restriction Requirement made in the Official Action dated January 4, 2006.

This Election is accompanied by a Second Preliminary Amendment.

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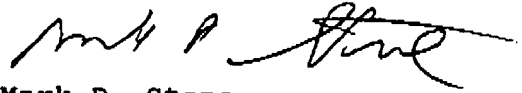
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Claim 103 is considered to be generic to all species of the invention defined by the remaining dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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